

Lisbon Farm Dec 10th 1840

Dear Uncle

we are yet surrounded by banks of snow such as it is said we have not had such this ten years before and it certainly was the most violent and most disagreeable one that I ever witnessed. the morning of the snow the cattle in the yard appeared to have there eyes frozen together the hair about them was so matted with snow. and I really do think that if I had not taken the cattle from the north yard that they would have come near perishing. We have now two teams hauling marl and next week another one. two of which are my own horses teams and the railroad team consisting of four mules. and I have commenced marling Obediahs field first. My ditching I measured some time since which amounted to above three hundred rods and they now cry out for some money. (I mean the ditcher.) though they do not demand all of it. I shall also want some money soon to pay a vandue bull in which is named a cow some hogs &c. I should like to have something above an hundred dollars. I intended to have come to town the first of this week but the storm prevented me from doing so. we are in bad want of a stove in our kitchen. we have now got up the old one which is out of order so much that we think it not much better than the fire place. The two young Mr. Jones arrived here with out even an upset on Tuesday evening. and yesterday morning. went after pheasants wading through snow eighteen to twenty inches deep, and last evening I took them of to Hanover. With respects to all

I remain yours affectionately

James A Fenwick